

**Louisiana State Board of Nursing**  
**APRN Task Force Meeting Minutes**  
**January 19, 2010**

**Call to Order**           The meeting of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing Task Force to establish a position paper on the NCSBN Consensus Model for APRN regulation, and revision of Chapter 45 of L.A.C. 46:XLVII, was called to order by Dr. Demetrius Porche, co-chair at 10:00am in Salon A of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, 17373 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

**Roll Call**

**Task Force Members Present**

Co-chair: Demetrius Porche, DNS, APRN, PhD

Co-chair: Lucie Agosta, PhD, APRN

LA CANE private sector representative (Louisiana Council of Administrators of Nursing Education):

- Ann Cary, RN, PhD, Loyola University

LA CANE public sector representatives:

- Sandra Brown, APRN, PhD, Southern University
- Valarie Waldmeier, APRN, PhD, McNeese University

LANA representative (Louisiana Association of Nurse Anesthetists):

- Darlene Hardy, APRN, CRNA

LANP representative (Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners):

- Sophia Thomas, APRN, FNP

LONE representative (Louisiana Organization of Nurse Executives):

- Deborah Ford, MSN, RN

LSNA representative (Louisiana State Nurses Association):

- Denise Danna, RN, DNS

**Non-voting Task Force Member Excused**

Robert Bass, M.D., LSBN Ex-Officio Board member

**Staff Present**

Margaret Griener, MPH, APRN, PNP, Director of Credentialing & Practice

Patricia Dufrene, MSN, RN, Director of Education/Licensure

Brenda Kelt, Licensing Analyst, Recorder

Laura Guillory, Licensing Analyst, Back-up Recorder

**Guests**

Debra Berger, APRN, FNP, (LANP)

Norann Planchock, PhD, APRN, FNP, Northwestern University

Gail Poirrier, RN, DNS, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

**Review of Charge  
Of Task Force**

The Task Force will be a hands-on committee consisting of various representatives in both APRN practice and education arenas whose objectives are as follows:

- To develop a position paper for the Board of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing to adopt regarding the “Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification & Education” from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) dated July 7, 2008.

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- Provide the Board of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing recommendations on revisions to Chapter 45 of L.A.C. 46:XLVII for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses.

During the course of the Task Force, various members will be asked to research certain topics and collect data for presentation and discussion.

### **Additional Member Nominations**

In approving the motion to establish this Task Force, the Board of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing approved the composition of members. Two representative APRN roles had not been selected/nominated prior to this initial Task Force meeting. The following nominations were suggested for the APRN roles of: Certified Nurse Midwife and Clinical Nurse Specialist:

#### **Certified Nurse Midwife:**

Nominee - Gretchen Mercer Deeves

#### **Clinical Nurse Specialist:**

Nominee - Florencetta Hayes Gibson, Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health CNS

Director of Credentialing and Practice (M.Griener) will contact the nominees to ascertain who is able and willing to sit on the Task Force and will advise the Co-chairs prior to the next meeting.

### **NCSBN Consensus Document**

M.Griener will prepare for the Task Force members a template/chart of the language in Chapter 45 and how it conforms to the NCSBN Consensus Model (model rules) and assess the corresponding Board policy that would need to be written or updated.

LANP representative (S. Thomas) will research what the other State Boards of Nursing are doing in regards to the NCSBN Consensus Model.

At 10:15 Ms. Deborah Ford joined the meeting.

Discussion ensued related to the desire to align advanced practice education criteria and curriculums with nursing practice. Co-chair (D. Porche) suggested that the members consider the position paper as more visionary in where we want the Board to go in the future, whereas the revisions to Chapter 45 would align more to current Board credentialing and educational policies and practices. It was suggested that the AMAs position paper on Nurse Practitioners be included among the research material to be reviewed.

**Chapter 45**

**L.A.C. 46:XLVII**

Director of Credentialing and Practice (M.Griener) explained that the terminology used when current APRN rules were written were 'role' and 'specialty'. However, the NCSBN Consensus Model redefines APRNs as related to patient population and specialty. This will affect changes in Chapter 45 in addition to the other changes being discussed regarding collaboration.

Discussion ensued regarding the current differences between the NCSBN Consensus Model and current Chapter 45

**IT Access Issues,  
Research Collection  
and Reporting**

Co-chair (D. Porche) suggested that committee use utilize "Wiki" space/page for the individuals to post their documents for sharing with the other members on the Task Force.

At 10:40am LSBN Board IT Analyst (C.Nagin) joined the meeting to provide IT system consultation.

Director of Credentialing and Practice (M.Griener) agreed to prepare a chart with the components covered in the NCSBN Consensus Document and add a column to report either the current LSBN position/rules or comment where the Board does not currently have a rule.

Co-chairs (Dr. Porche and Dr. Agosta) prepared a separate chart titled "Chapter 45 Revision Template" with six (6) columns for inputting data: Policy Issue, Chapter 45 (section number), Suggested Policy Change, Document Source, Suggested Chapter 45 Language and Rationale.

Discussion ensued regarding certain IT access issues in documenting and reporting data collected for the Task Force. The following areas were discussed with the Board IT Analyst (C. Nagin) as being desired for the Task Force:

- Posting template and/or reports at the LSBN website using "Wiki" or another shared/team site system with password protection for the inputting of data, review, and commenting by the various Task Force members as research is collected for both Chapter 45 and the NCSBN Consensus Model. The "Wiki" format was suggested because it would show which Task Force member had contributed the data or submitted a comment, unlike a shared 'Word' document.
- Development of a special APRN Task Force email group for easy communication between all members simultaneous. This would be used to schedule meetings, alert members of new documents or charts posted to the shared site and other announcements related to the Task Force.

- Set up the special email group to allow ‘voting’ by the Task Force members electronically on certain issues such as what to include on a particular scope of research topic, or consensus on the status of a particular document/chart being close to release for public comment.

Board IT Analyst (C.Nagin) advised he would look into the feasibility of these IT issues with the Board system and would report back. Director of Credentialing and Practice (M.Griener) reminded the members that an official vote to pass a “Motion” for action by the committee would need to be done in one of the public meetings where it’s documented in writing with signatures allowing for public comment.

Discussion continued that once enough data has been collected and revised by the Task Force members on any particular chart or report, where the committee might be ready to release a ‘working’ document for public comment, a “Motion” would be issued by the Task Force authorizing it’s release and it would then be posted either at the LSBN website or included as an agenda item for the quarterly Board Practice Committee.

**Research  
Assignments**

After discussion, the following Task Force members have volunteered to accumulate research data related to education criteria, accreditation and/or certification, etc., and report their findings to the Task Force on:

**NCSBN Position Paper**

Ann Cary – LA CANE private sector representative  
Valarie Waldmeier – LA CANE public sector representative  
Denise Danna – LSNA representative  
Demetrius Porche – Co-chair  
Lucie Agosta – Co-chair

**Chapter 45 revision**

Demetrius Porche – Co-chair  
Lucie Agosta – Co-chair  
Margaret (Peggy) Griener – LSBN Director of Credentialing and Practice

**Masters and DNP Documents (AACN documents)**

Sandra Brown – LA CANE public sector representative

**NCSBN Consensus Model document**

Demetrius Porche – Co-chair  
Lucie Agosta – Co-chair

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS):**

Valarie Waldmeier – LSNA representative (previously assigned to Denise Danna)

**National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF):**

Ann Cary – LA CANE private sector representative

**Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS):**

Demetrius Porche – Co-chair

**DHH, CMS, Joint Commission, Magnet accreditation, Baldrige criteria:**

Deborah Ford – LONE representative

**National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS):**

*Assigned to the CNS representative (nominee - Florencetta Gibson)*

**NATIONAL APRN CERTIFYING ORGANIZATION RESEARCH to include educational requirements, certification and practice requirements for both initial certification and recertification**

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**American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP):**

Sophia Thomas – LANP representative

Lucie Agosta – Co-chair

**American Association of Critical-Care Nurses Certification Corporation (AACN):**

Denise Danna – LSNA representative

**American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB):**

*Assigned to the CNM representative (nominee - Gretchen Deeves)*

**American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC):**

Denise Danna – LSNA representative

**Council on Certification/Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists (CCNA/AANA):**

Darlene Hardy – LANA representative

**Oncology Nursing Certification Corporation (ONCC):**

Denise Danna – LSNA representative

**Pediatric Nursing Certification Board (PNCB):**

Sophia Thomas – LANP representative

**National Certification Corporation (NCC):**

*Assigned to the CNM representative (nominee - Gretchen Deeves)*

Additional document assignments will be issued to other Task Force members as needed.

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**Distribution of Research Data**

Co-chair (Dr. Porche) asked that research documents be relayed first to Dr. Agosta and himself for review and possible posting on the shared website to be established.

**Time Line for Task Force**

Six (6) months anticipated for creation of first draft.

**Frequency of Meetings**

Due to the Mardi Gras holidays, the next meeting will be held on Friday, March 12, 2010 at 10:00 am with a two (2) hour time length so the meeting can conclude at 12 noon.

For planning and scheduling purposes of the Task Force members, subsequent meetings will be held on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Friday of each following month until the Task Force is concluded.

**Other Issues**

Director of Credentialing and Practice (M.Griener) suggested the Task Force may wish to look at other APRN practice issues such as delegation to unlicensed personnel such as a medical assistant. Co-chair (Dr. Porche) asked the Director to prepare a bulleted list of common APRN practice issues for the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30am

**Submitted by:**



**Margaret Griener, Director - Credentialing and Practice**

Approved 3/12/2010